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International Franchise Exposition exploring holding expo on Aruba

During the past weekend the "International Franchise Expo" took place in New York with more than 330 exhibitors and over ten thousand people participating. The most well-known American franchise companies were on display interesting participants to consider joining them in business. It is believed that this type of expo fits perfectly with Aruba's Small Business Week. Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, who attended the New York exposition, indicated that... "we want to bring more opportunities to local business owners and even interest them in start-



Obama, Putin unite in warning to Syria

LOS Cabos (AFP) - US President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin called yesterday for an end to violence in Syria and said its people should be allowed to democratically decide their future.

"In order to stop the bloodshed in Syria, we call for an immediate cessation of all violence," the leaders said in a joint statement, after meeting in Mexico following days of antagonism between Moscow and Washington on the issue.

"We are united in the belief that the Syrian people should have the opportunity to independently and democratically choose their own future."

Putin told reporters after meeting Obama for the first time since he returned to the presidency that the two leaders had found "many common points" on Syria, where violence is spiraling into an all-out civil war.

Washington has become increasingly frustrated over Moscow's refusal to allow the UN Security Council to take firmer action against President Bashar al-Assad over his brutal crackdown on civilians.

Obama said after the two

hours of talks that both he and Putin agreed on the need for a "political process" to prevent civil war in Syria and pledged to work with UN envoy Kofi Annan to try to end the crisis.

In their statement, the leaders said that Syria's future must be worked out by "Syrians themselves" in the "framework of Syria's sovereignty, independence, unity, and territorial integrity."

Russia has been concerned to avoid a repeat of the international mission in Libya when it was assured the West was not bent on regime change, but then saw allied warplanes help the opposition topple dictator Moamer Kadhafi.

US officials have said they want Russia's help to create a political transition similar to that which ushered Yemen's president Ali Abdullah Saleh from power in February after a year-long uprising.

"From my point of view we have found many common points on this (Syria) issue," Putin said after the talks, adding that Russia and the United States will continue discussions on how to deal with the ongoing violence.



ing new businesses."

Many of the franchise companies on display do not require large investments, but are known for making big profits. During the New York exposition a meeting was held with Beth Solomon, Vice President of the International Franchise Association. Solomon is also in charge of innovative strategies and industry relations. In her capacity her association is always on the lookout for new business opportunities.

They have conducted missions in Panama, Colombia and Chile. In their meeting, Aruba's Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar highlighted the many benefits that Aruba has to offer, not only for hosting an exposition, but for opening franchise businesses. Aruba has a population of 100 thousand inhabitants and over 1.5 million tourists annually coming primarily

from the United States.

The Minister also mentioned that there are numerous franchise companies already established on the island. Many franchises are in the clothing line, food, drinks and several others. According to the Minister, it appears that the Associa-

tion is interested in participating actively in our upcoming Small Business Week. We would invite neighboring countries to attend their expo here. Aruba is currently working on attracting commercial missions from Colombia and Brazil and such an event here on Aruba would make a major impact.

Several individual franchise companies expressed interest in coming to Aruba for that expo. In the words of the Aruba Minister of Economic Affairs... "we must be one step ahead; the world of business has changed in these last times, hence the reason for our efforts to attract these types of opportunities for our island. It is important for the government for our people to develop and grow in business."

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Tourism Information Bureau in the works for San Nicolaas



SAN NICOLAAS -- San Nicolaas is slated to get its own Tourism information office, as was announced by the government some time back. Last week they began preparations for the start of the project.

The Tourism Information Bureau will be housed in a section below the Post Office complex and the demolition work to separate this section from the Post Office was begun last week.

The Architect is working on the interior and exterior renditions, and the expectation is that the entire project should

take about 5 to 6 weeks to be completed. The Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) and the Post Office will enter into a lease agreement for the section to be allocated to the Tourism Information Bureau. This bureau will be charged with supplying information on Aruba, and particularly information on the San Nicolaas section of the island and on the popular Carribean Festival.

The entire area near the Post Office will be renovated. An attractive plaza will be created in the area in front of the Auxiliary Government Office Building.

Aruban artists shine in New York's art exhibition

For the very first time, three very popular museums in New York are dedicating an exhibition to the Caribbean, in which Aruba is participating. Aruba Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar visited the exhibition during her recent stop in New York. There she met with several artists and personally congratulated them for their work. "Caribbean Crossroads of the World" as the exhibition is dubbed, opened on June 12th and will remain open to the public up to the 6th of January 2013. And, in all three



museums of New York, namely, "El Museo del Barrio," "Queens Museum of Art," and "The Studio Museum of Harlem" in New York.

The exhibition at "The Studio Museum in Harlem will close on the 21st of October 2012. This particular exhibition has displayed more than 500 works of art over the past 400 years with an emphasis on the relationship between the Caribbean and the USA. They have placed a great deal of emphasis on regional contributions relative to identity and the sense of belonging.

This exhibition will also highlight ideologies, commerce, culture, politics and the popular cultures of the entire Caribbean to include the coastal region of the Caribbean such as Miami, Venezuela, Colombia, etc.

The Caribbean Crossroads of the World includes more than just the exhibition. It is accompanied by special events, educational programs

and workshops for students. Because of the bright spotlight on this exhibition there in New York, The New York Times, has become interested and have written an extensive and lovely article on the event.

Aruba is definitely very proud of the several Aruban artists participating along with 379 other artists in this exhibition. The Aruba Minister expressed her congratulations and pride for our Arubans making their name in art. She considers this exhibition a real milestone. She reported having visited "El Museo del Barrio" 2 years ago, and she was pleased that our efforts to become part of this event have finally materialized.

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 On May 27th, 2012, Tico left his home in Ponton and went in the direction of Madiki. He was last seen close to Ban Ban Cafe. The search for our brother is still on and we also wish to thank everyone who has helped in one way or the other, this gives us faith, strength and hope to continue searching in the name of The Lord. Tico has a strong posture, his height is 1.70m, hair color: gray/black and skin color, brown.

On the day of his disappearance he was wearing beige/maroon slacks and a beige shirt. Tico is an asthma sufferer. If anyone has seen Tico or have any information please call the polis at 100 or contact the family.

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AIFF begins this Friday with Virginia Madsen on the Red Carpet event

Juanes at the AIFF Harbor Arena for inaugural concert

Opening night of the third edition of the Aruba International Film Festival is almost here! This coming Friday, June 22, festival Co-founder and Executive Producer Jonathan Vieira will welcome Oscar and Golden Globe nominated actress Virginia Madsen on the Red Carpet at Paseo Herencia in Palm Beach for the World Premiere of "The Magic of Belle Isle," co-starring Morgan Freeman.

This glittering night, covered by international press on island for the festival, will be followed by the first of three spectacular shows over this coming weekend that comprise a new aspect of the festival, the AIFF Concert Series.

The famous AIFF after-parties have been replaced with late night concerts featuring top performers, starting with Colombian superstar Juanes, who launched his stellar career by winning 3 Latin Grammys for this debut album "Fijate Bien"; he has won a total of 17

Latin Grammy Awards and one Grammy Award. On May 29 he released his album "Juanes MTV Unplugged", which is already #1 on Billboard Top Latin Albums and Latin Pop Albums. Doors open at 8:00 PM and the concert will begin promptly at 11. Internationally renowned Aruban singer Roger Peterson, lead vocalist of the internationally known band "Intwine" will open the program. Juanes will be arriving on Wednesday, June 20, and has graciously offered to visit island schools and talk to students about their futures and his career.

Jonathan welcomed island media to proudly show-off the AIFF Harbor Arena created just for this series, with the largest stage the island has ever seen to accommodate the full orchestra of international megastar Marc Anthony, one of the most influential and successful American/Latin performers of the last 15 years and considered one of the great



One of the largest stages Aruba has ever seen

Salsa singers, who will appear on Saturday evening, June 23.

The brand new concert venue is in Aruba's container harbor, the entrance off the

roundabout across from the Oranjestad Wendy's. Containers have been placed around the stage to provide optimal acoustics for what will surely

be one of the most memorable musical events Aruba has ever hosted.

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Aruban artist Waldy Simson creates portrait noted entertainer Jörgen Raymann



x 21 cm, using black and white paper cuttings to produce the silhouette profile.

Simson had received some excellent impressions when he briefly met Raymann during a previous visit by the celebrity in 2009. Raymann was then there to host a couple of shows.

Simson, will host an solo exhibition in Suriname, Raymann's homeland, in the coming year and participate at the Caribbean Festival for the Arts, Carifesta 2013.

Raymann will be performing at Aruba's Cas di Cutura June 25, 26 and 27 as part of the Aruba International Film Festival Concert Series. Waldy hopes to present him with his portrait while he is visiting the island.

Known for his silhouette portraits, local artist Waldy Simson has been inspired by the upcoming appearance on Aruba of extremely popular comedian, cabaret performer and late-night TV host in Holland, Jörgen Raymann. He has made a portrait of the celebrity, which measures 29

AIFF begins this Friday . . .

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Jonathan Vieira and stage

Saturday evening's concert with Marc Anthony has already sold out all the Platinum VIP tables, which seat ten and are sold as a unit for \$3,500. This includes a bottle of Johnny Walker Blue Label and snacks, but there are 2 left for the Juanes concert and the Sunday night DJ "Dirty Dutch" event. Some VIP standing room only tickets are left for Juanes at \$170, which will place the ticket holders right up next to the stage.

The few general admission tickets left for Marc Anthony and Juanes are \$80; DJ Chuckie and his branded "Dirty Dutch" event on Sunday, June 24, is only \$20 p/p. Tickets are available at

- Cas di cultura

- Winter Garden
- Gayo Rojo
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- Veneta Cucine
- Paseo Herencia - Happy Monkeys

This year, the AIFF will host industry luminaries Ray Liotta, Pietro Scalia, editor of "Prometheus" and the soon to be released "Amazing Spiderman," actor Richard Kind, and some very special secret celebrities, yet to be announced.

For more information and updates, visit the AIFF website: <http://www.arubainternationalfilmfestival.com> or their Facebook page for the latest news updates.

by Rosalie Klein

Fashion, fun and great music for Father's Day at Paseo Herencia

Many dads chose to spend quality time with their spouses and offspring of all ages for their special day, Sunday, June 17, at Paseo Herencia shopping mall. A common practice for the shopping/dining/entertainment center is to provide a special show on holidays, and talented woodwind musician Juan Paul Carresquilla was such a hit on Mother's Day, they decided to do it again.

After a day of taking advantage of special sales at high fashion stores, many families chose to enjoy a meal at TGI Friday's, Iguana Cantina, Le Bistro by Taste of Belgium or Maute Grill, before settling in at the amphitheatre in the Plaza Padu to enjoy Juan's mellow musical renderings of some great classic songs.

Among them was the plaza's namesake, Juan Chabaya (Padu) Lampe, the ultimate dad for the island, as he has been officially dubbed Aruba's "Father of Culture," known for his talent as a musician, composer, author and painter. He could think of no better way to spend the evening with his daughter Vivien and her husband Victor, than relaxing to great music at the mall in Palm Beach.

The special day at the mall attracted islanders and vacationers alike. The Calistro family of Connecticut also selected this special evening to honor dad Gene, who was last on Aruba around 30 years ago. He had only kudos for all the new and wonderful attractions that are keeping the whole family entertained, including shows such as those put on by Paseo Herencia, not only on this special occasion, but the four-time nightly Waltzing Walters, which thoroughly delighted young daughter Kelly, and sons Christian and Gianni.

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Aruba's Father of Culture, Padu Lampe



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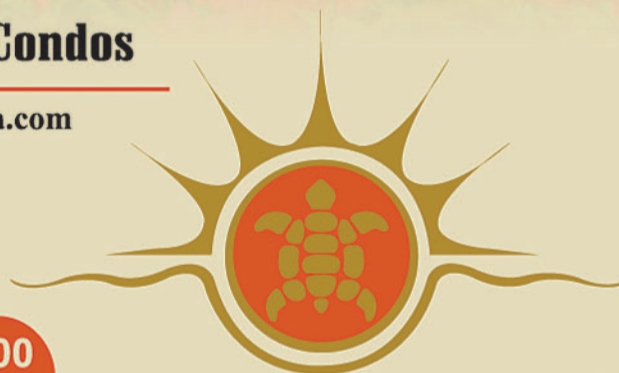
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This week the festival will feature the traditional Aruba caha di orgel by Nos "Ambiente," folkloric music by "Ola Tropical," dance performance by "The Bon Bini Dancers," soloist Gabriela Krozendijk and brass band "The New Generations."

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional local arts and crafts on sale.

Arubus has regular busses from all hotels areas to Oranjestad Central Terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is \$2.30. The festival is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Entrance fee is \$3.

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Fofoti Tours & Transfers Launches New Website

Fofoti Tours & Transfers strengthens online experience with a new website that meets their exceptional "offline" service reputation.

Fofoti Tours & Transfers, the young company that has revolutionized the tours and transfers services on Aruba, has given their website, www.fofoti.com, a brand new look.

The company specializes in tours and transfers, and offers a wide range of services from personalized tours and excursions to airport and VIP transfers. The company boasts and provides exceptional service, because it is small enough to take care of every detail in a personalized manner and large enough to meet and exceed the

expectations of their clients.

To meet the demand of our clients, Fofoti has embarked on an overhaul of the website to make it more user friendly and conversions driven. The redesign of the Fofoti Tours & Transfers website offers a new design theme that is clean and vivid, includes straightforward information to help guide visitors through the services offered, and information is presented with greater clarity.

Sharlise Croes, Managing Director at Fofoti Tours & Transfers, explains why they



felt it was necessary to change the website. "As the internet evolves, users become more sophisticated. At the end of the day, we're a young company

that, in a short period of time, has earned a reputation of providing exceptional service. And as we continue to add satisfied clients, partners and in-

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

International News

Myanmar's Suu Kyi takes to stage in Dublin with Bono



DUBLIN (AFP) - Aung San Suu Kyi received a rock star welcome in Ireland Monday, with U2 singer Bono among those performing at a concert to honour the Myanmar democracy icon after flying in with her on his private jet.

Nobel Peace laureate Suu Kyi took to the stage with Bono to receive a prize from Amnesty International at the rights group's "Electric Burma" concert in a packed Dublin theatre. She was met with cheers and a standing ovation.

Bono thanked her for being there, saying: "We know there are many many other places you could be and we understand the signal your presence here sends out and we are humbled, we are grateful."

"It is one of the great ironies that by your confinement, the world has become your home. Dublin is your world this evening."

Suu Kyi sat alongside Bono -- who has long supported Suu Kyi's freedom struggle and dedicated the song "Walk On" to her -- after the pair travelled from Oslo, Norway, where they had co-hosted a peace forum.

"To receive this award is to remind me that 24 years ago I took on duties from which I shall never be relieved but you have given me the strength to

carry out," Suu Kyi said in reply. "I have discovered how much more people care. I had not expected this. I had not known how much they cared. This has come as a surprise to me and a very moving one."

Suu Kyi received Amnesty International's Ambassador of Conscience Award, the rights group's most prestigious prize, after performances from world artists.

She won the award in 2009 but was under house arrest in Myanmar at the time so could not collect it.

After the concert at the Bord Gais Energy Theatre, thousands of people were expected at an open-air event where Suu Kyi will be given the Freedom of the City of Dublin, some 12 years after she was named for the honour.

She is expected to address the crowds, who will sing "happy birthday" to her a day before she turns 67.

An emotional Suu Kyi delivered her Nobel lecture at Oslo City Hall on Saturday, more than two decades after receiving the peace prize awarded to her in 1991 for her "non-violent struggle for democracy and human rights".

Suu Kyi's tour, which also takes in Britain, Switzerland and France, is her first trip to Europe for 24 years.

It has been clouded by con-

tinued violence in western Myanmar where dozens of people have been killed and more than 30,000 people displaced by clashes between Buddhist Rakhines and stateless Muslim Rohingya.

Florida shooter used donated funds to pay off bills

MIAMI (AFP) - Neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman and his wife used money from an online fundraising website set up for their defense to pay off credit cards and other bills, according to jailhouse recordings released Monday.

Zimmerman is accused of fatally shooting unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin on February 26 in Sanford, Florida. The racially-charged case caused an uproar across the United States and set off a wave of protests.

Zimmerman was arrested on April 11 and released on bail April 23. He has been charged with second-degree murder.

A judge had initially set Zimmerman's bond at \$150,000, but prosecutors say that figure relied on "false representations and statements" by the defendant and his wife about the amount of money he had access to.

Zimmerman was ordered back to jail after prosecutors argued he misled the court about having no money, despite tens of thousands of dollars in donated funds raised online.

The recordings were released by the Seminole County court, along with transcripts, an affidavit and other court documents.

Vatican's number two slams 'attempt to split Church'

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - The Vatican's number two, the reported target of a power struggle in the Church, alleged divisive forces at work on Monday.

In a rare outburst, the Secretary of State appeared to lash out at those who, according to religious observers, have been orchestrating the scandal in an attempt to oust him, and slammed media for "Dan Brown-style" reporting.

Tarcisio Bertone told the Famiglia Cristiana magazine that there was "a fierce and relentless attempt to create divisions between the Holy Father and his collaborators, and between the collaborators themselves."

However, the cardinal insisted he enjoyed support from many quarters within the Church: "I am at the heart of the fray. And I see painful things but I also see the Church by my side, people from every background who show affection."

Religious watchers have said it is unlikely that Pope Benedict XVI's butler Paolo Gabriele -- arrested on May 23 on accusations of leaking secret papal papers -- would have orchestrated such a large whistle-blowing operation alone.

Bertone said the pope had felt betrayed and "has asked himself several times, why Gabriele, who he loved like a son, should have behaved that way."

Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi told a press conference Monday that the three retired cardinals appointed by the pope to head an investigative commission on the leaks scandal had already interviewed 23 people.

Putin and Obama warn Iran

CABOS (AFP) - US President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin jointly warned Iran on Monday it must comply with its nuclear obligations, as talks with Tehran in Moscow ran into trouble.

"We agree that Iran must undertake serious efforts aimed at restoring international confidence in the exclusively peaceful nature of its nuclear program," the two leaders said in a joint statement after meeting in Mexico.

The statement called for "minimisation of the civilian use of highly enriched uranium" and came hours after the first day of meetings in Moscow between Iran and five world powers attempting to find a diplomatic solution to the standoff over the Iranian nuclear programme.

Although there were few signs at the Moscow meeting of Iran's willingness to give in to western demands to scale down its program, Obama and Putin said they "look forward to constructive engagement with Iran through the P5+1 process."

Obama, who has warned he will not rule out military action against Iran's nuclear sights said that there was "still time and space" for diplomacy to work.

Russia has previously slammed the idea of military strikes against Iran but says it expects Tehran to take the first step in the diplomatic process in Moscow in order to avoid drastic scenarios.

Failure of the talks could have heavy repercussions, with the United States and its ally Israel refusing to rule out the option of airstrikes against the Iranian nuclear programme and Tehran facing sanctions that could cripple the economy.

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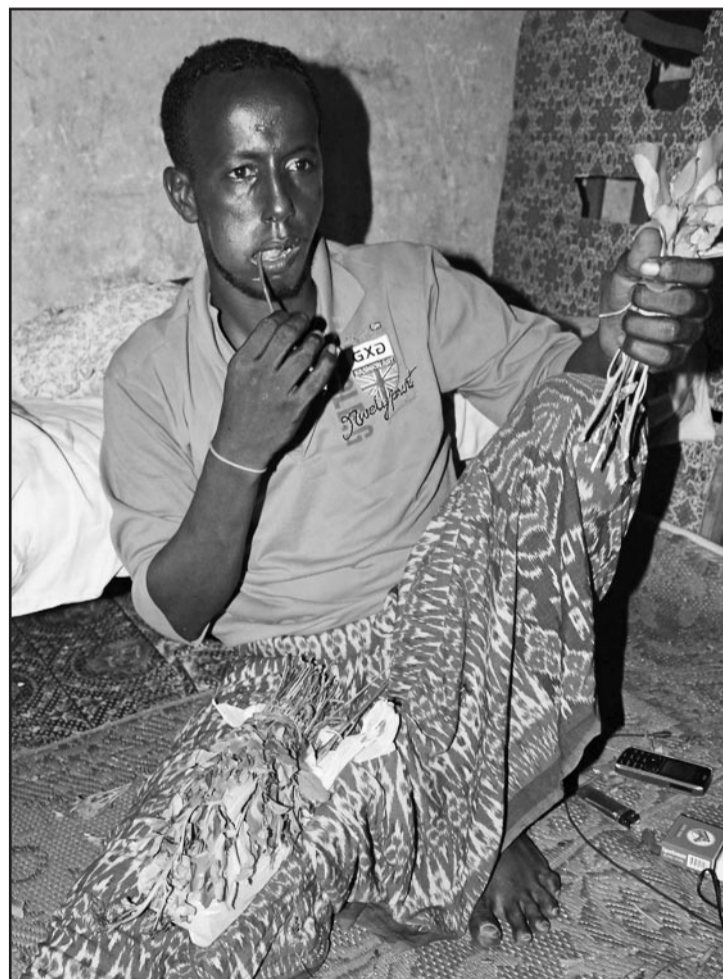
Women march in Rio to protest 'green economy'

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Thousands of women representing social and farm movements marched in central Rio yesterday to rail against the "green economy" advocated by the Rio+20 conference on sustainable development.

Behind a large banner from the international peasant movement Via Campesina pro-

claiming "the peoples are against the mercantilization of nature," they marched several miles to the Flamengo park, the venue for the "People's Summit" organized by civil society groups on the sidelines of the Rio+20 event.

Several hundred men closed off the march to show their solidarity.



SOMALIA: A man chews the mild stimulant known locally as khat as he packs it into bundles in the Somali capital, Mogadishu on June 18, 2012. The thriving trade in khat in Somalia has survived two decades of warfare in the horn of Africa nation that is now struggling with the help of the international community to establish a central government. Imported mainly from Kenya and Ethiopia, khat chewing has become a permanent fixture in the streets of Mogadishu. (AFP PHOTO)

Court delays start of prosecution's case in Mladic trial

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Yugoslavia war crimes court yesterday delayed the start of the prosecution's case in the trial of Bosnian Serb ex-army chief Ratko Mladic, the second time the proceedings were suspended.

The court "suspended the start of presentation of the Prosecution's evidence in the case of Ratko Mladic until further notice," the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia said in a statement.

It did not give a reason for its ruling, but the proceedings have been on hold since a day after the trial started on May 16 because of "irregularities" in the transfer of prosecution

documents to the defence.

"The decision was made following submissions by the defence and the prosecution with regards to the disclosure of evidentiary material," was all that yesterday's statement said, adding that the reasoning would be given "in due course."

On May 31 lawyers defending Mladic asked for a six-month extension to the trial's delay.

Judges had set June 25 as the date for the former general's trial to resume with the testimony of the prosecution's first witness.

Mladic, 70, the so-called "Butcher of Bosnia," is charged with 11 counts of war crimes,

crimes against humanity and genocide committed during Bosnia's 1992-1995 war.

They include in particular the masterminding of the July 1995 Srebrenica massacre of almost 8,000 Muslim men and boys, the worst atrocity on European soil since World War II.

Prosecutors also hold Mladic responsible for the 44-month siege of Sarajevo that left an estimated 10,000 people dead, the vast majority of them civilians.

Mladic, who was arrested a year ago in Serbia after more than 16 years on the run, pleaded not guilty to the charges at an earlier court hearing. He faces life imprisonment if convicted.

US probes safety of 1.4 mn Toyotas after fires

CHICAGO (AFP) - US regulators have expanded a probe into a potential safety hazard in 1.4 million Toyota vehicles after nine people were injured in 161 crashes or fires.

No deaths were reported from the fires which began in the power window switch. Regulators did not provide details on the severity of the injuries in a notice posted on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website.

The investigation comes as Toyota is still working to regain US market share after its reputation was damaged by a series of mass recalls beginning in 2009 and then its supplies were hit by Japan's March 2011 quake and tsunami disaster.

Toyota nonetheless regained its position as the world's number-one automaker by sales in the first quarter of 2012, stealing back the lead from US giant General Motors.

This latest potential defect was discovered after certain



Toyota vehicles experienced a "higher rate of fire and thermal event incidents," regulators said.

The affected vehicles include Toyota's top-selling Camry, the Camry Hybrid, the RAV4, Yaris and Highlander Hybrid, built between 2006 and 2008.

The investigation began in February and was upgraded to an "engineering analysis" on Thursday. It could, but may not necessarily, result in a recall.

Toyota also reported 49 warranty claims linked to fires in the power window switch.

Health & Living

Top court ruling on US health reforms hotly anticipated



WASHINGTON (AFP) - With the US Supreme Court set to rule within days on the constitutionality of President Barack Obama's health care reforms many Americans are fearful of the political fallout of the decision.

While the nation's nine top justices are meant to base their decisions on the framework provided by the centuries-old US Constitution, many believe the divided bench could be swayed by their own political leanings.

"What they're afraid of is that the subjective impulse of the judge, rather than something more objective, will control the decision," Justice Stephen Breyer told AFP.

The high court is expected to render its decision on the centerpiece of Obama's political legacy by the end of June as the nation gears up the November elections.

The Democratic president is fighting to win a second White House term as his Republican challenger Mitt Romney, who has vowed to repeal the health care reforms, erodes the gap in the polls amid the sour economy.

The court will decide if the core of the law, which obliges all Americans to purchase health care insurance or face penalties, is constitutional, and if not, whether the rest of Obama's reforms hold up.

Since oral arguments were heard in March, experts have been trying to read the tea-leaves to offer up predictions on which way the court will lean.

Many were surprised by the reactions of the conservative judges, the largest bloc on the bench, who seemed inclined to overturn the law, which aims to provide health insurance to 32 million Americans.

Overturning the law would deal a blow to Obama -- a trained constitutional lawyer -- and offer a golden opportunity for Republicans to hammer him on his credibility and leadership qualities ahead

of November's vote.

But Americans don't buy it. Three quarters believe Supreme Court decisions are guided by judges' personal or political views. According to the recent survey for the New York Times and CBS, barely one in eight Americans believe the rulings are based solely on legal arguments.

The court's last most obvious foray into politics was in 2000, when it declared George W. Bush the winner of the presidential elections over Al Gore.

"If the Supreme Court justices follow the constitution text and history and many of their own opinions on federal power, they would easily uphold the Affordable Care Act," said lawyer Elizabeth Wydra, who is more in favor of the administration.

"There are a number of previous decisions particularly about the Commerce Clause that the court would be ignoring if they strike down the act," she said.

But she said despite that some justices like the conservative Antonin Scalia could go "against some of their own words on the legal issue at hand."

But a former Bush administration lawyer David Rivkin denied the ruling would be based on the judges' own political preferences.

"It's political only because it benefits political parties, (that's) the only way we can say it's political," he argued.

"The criticism that it will be political is (itself) a political criticism," suggested Randy Barnett, in favor of the plaintiffs. "What is at stake is whether our federal government has limited powers."

Marcus also did not believe the Supreme Court will base its decision on partisan politics, but rather more on ideology. Five conservative judges on the court "fear big government swallowing up and supplanting the traditional role of the states," he said.

'Diet or quit' Pakistan tells pot-bellied police

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - A Pakistan police commander has ordered tens of thousands of pot-bellied officers to diet or quit frontline duties, officials said Monday in what one newspaper dubbed the "battle of the bulge".

Habibur Rehman, police chief in Pakistan's most populous province Punjab, has ordered 175,000 personnel not to allow their waistlines to exceed 38 inches (96 cm), spokeswoman Nabila Ghazanfar told AFP.

At least 50 percent of Punjab police are overweight, Ghazanfar said.

Local daily The News said the number overweight officers in the city of Rawalpindi, the headquarters of the army that has been hit by numerous Taliban attacks, stood at more than 77 percent, adding that "policemen appear to be losing the battle of the bulge".

Police said officers had been given until June 30 to shape up and those deemed too fat from July 1 would not be given jobs in the field.

Overweight officers are ineffective and "cannot chase bandits, robbers and other criminals properly", she added, blaming the problem on under-staffing.

"We have a shortage of personnel, what can you expect when one official is doing the job of six people? They don't get time for physical fitness," she told AFP.

Another official who did not wish to be named said 100 stations were initially singled out for the exercise order, but Rehman later decided to send warning letters to the entire Punjab police force.



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Faulty PIP breast implants not toxic



LONDON (AFP) - Faulty breast implants made by PIP, the French company that sparked a global health scare, do not pose any long-term medical threats, British health authorities said in a final report Monday.

But the experts warned that the implants, which used industrial-grade silicone gel intended for use in mattresses, are twice as likely to rupture as other brands.

More than 400,000 women worldwide are believed to have received implants made by PIP -- which was shut down in 2010 -- and many countries have urged women to have them removed.

NHS group's leader Professor Bruce Keogh said repeated

tests on different batches of PIP implants had been carried out in Britain, France and Australia and shown that the implants were not toxic.

"We have, however, found that these implants are sub-standard when compared to other implants, and that they are more likely to rupture."

The report said PIP implants have a 15 percent to 30 percent chance of rupturing after ten years, compared to 10 percent to 14 percent for other brands.

Rupturing of the PIP implants has caused symptoms such as tenderness or swollen lymph glands in a small proportion of women but there is no link to cancer despite earlier fears, the study said.

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CEOs urge Rio+20 leaders to make water security top priority



Sudanese refugees take water in buckets in the Sudanese refugee camp of Djabal, eastern Chad near Goz Beida.

SAO PAOLO (AFP) - Some 45 corporate chiefs attending the Rio+20 conference on sustainable development yesterday pledged to make water security a strategic priority and called for decisive action by governments.

Speaking on behalf of the 45 CEOs, Igal Aisenberg, chief

executive of Israel's Netafim micro-irrigation company, urged concerted action by governments, the private sector, civil society and others "to tackle the global crisis in water access, quality and sanitation."

Committing to water sustainability were chiefs of global companies such as Pep-

sico, Coca Cola, Nestle, Saint-Gobain, Royal Dutch Shell, Akzo Nobel, Bayer, Heineken and Pernod Ricard.

All have endorsed the UN Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate initiative launched by UN chief Ban Ki-moon in 2007.

In a statement addressed to the Rio+20 leaders due to debate sustainable development here from Wednesday to Friday, the 45 executives urged them "to take decisive actions during and after this summit on one of our world's great challenges -- water."

"Problems related to water availability, quality and sanitation are undermining development in many regions of the world - exacting an enormous human cost while also undermining critical life-giving ecosystems," they said.

Roughly 800 million people around the world lack access to safe drinking water, and 2.5 billion lack basic sanitation," according to the United Nations.

The UN also estimates that two thirds of the world's seven-billion-strong population will face water scarcity by 2025.

Adrian Sym, executive director as the Alliance for Water Stewardship, hailed the CEOs statement "as an act of leadership by the private sector".

"The problems are so vast that governments alone cannot solve them," he added, stressing that cross-sectorial leadership was a critical piece in solving the problem.

Robert ter Kuile, a senior executive at Pepsico, said water was critical to "our entire value chain" and reaffirmed his company's goal of "a 20 percent reduction (in water usage) per unit of production in (its) operations by 2015."

Facebook pays \$10 million to settle ad suit



(AFP) - Facebook will pay \$10 million to settle a lawsuit from users who claimed their names, images and other information were improperly used in advertising described as "sponsored stories," court documents showed.

According to documents dated earlier this month and available online, Facebook and a series of plaintiffs submitted an agreement to a federal judge in San Jose, California.

The lawsuit was filed in 2011 by a group led by a Washington state Internet user named Angel Fraley. The suit alleged that Facebook users, including minors, had their names and likenesses used in ads without their permission.

The suit contended Facebook improperly used advertising when a member indicated he or she "liked" a particular company.

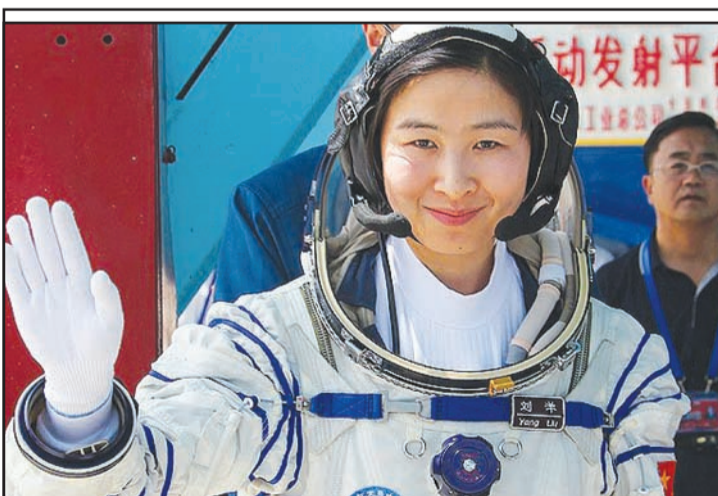
The "like" was passed on to

the friends of those members as an implied endorsement of a company or product. In some cases, the profile or picture was used in the "sponsored stories" that the suit said was a form of advertising.

A mediator assigned to the case said the agreement included the "substantial sum" of \$10 million "to be distributed to groups whose charters set out actions and programs relevant to advocacy related to the purposes for which the case was brought."

A settlement in the case was unveiled earlier this month but terms were not disclosed.

The company, which launched a massive public offering last month, is under growing scrutiny for its privacy policies. It is also under pressure from investors to find ways to monetize its social network with more than 900 million members.

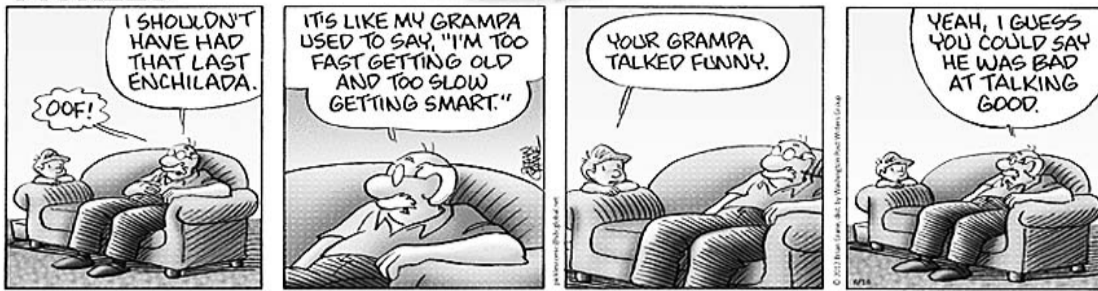


JIUQUAN : China's first female astronaut Liu Yang waves to the crowd prior to boarding the Shenzhou-9 spacecraft -- China's fourth manned space mission -- which blasted off at 1037 GMT from the Jiuquan space base, northwest China's Gansu province in the remote Gobi desert on June 16, 2012. China launched its most ambitious space mission to date, sending its first female astronaut to the final frontier and bidding to achieve the country's first manual space docking.

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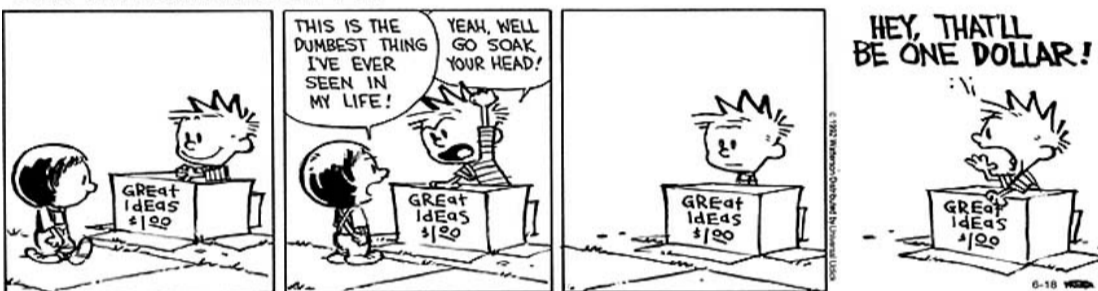
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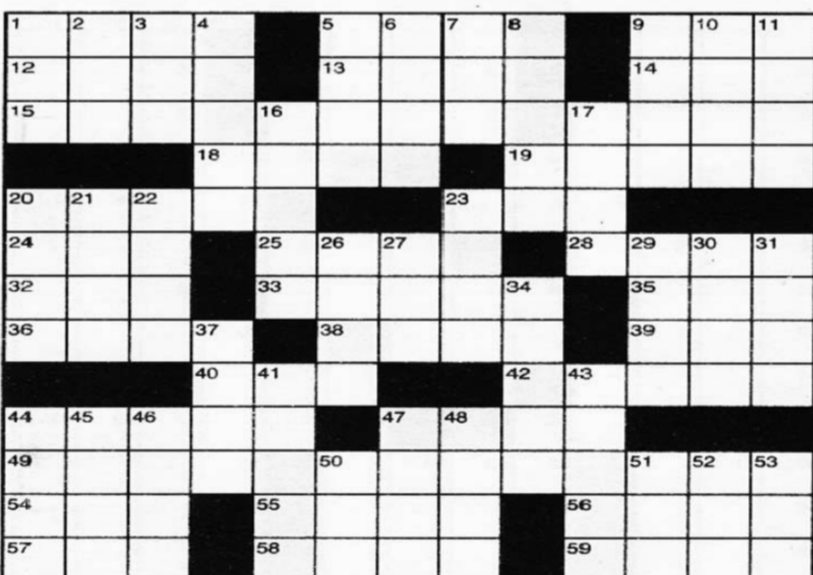
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- 15. Be a risk taker (4 wds.)
- 18. "Stop, Dobbin!"
- 19. Municipal official
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- 23. Song from "Annie"
- 24. Roman 3
- 25. C&W singer McEntire
- 28. Holbrook and Linden
- 32. Tack on
- 33. Stand
- 35. "The Raven" poet
- 36. Mild-mannered
- 38. Dull, steady pain
- 39. Clean air agcy.
- 40. Parts of centuries (abbr.)
- 42. Less common
- 44. Glittery headpiece
- 47. Abel's killer
- 49. Neaten (2 wds.)
- 54. California's time (abbr.)
- 55. Fate
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- 57. State
- 58. Piglets' mothers
- 59. Smooth over

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- 3. Race an engine
- 4. Makes tea
- 5. "Tonight" host
- 6. Nick and Nora's pooch
- 7. Speed rate (abbr.)
- 8. Antagonist
- 9. Pianist Duchin
- 10. ___-mutton (hyph.)
- 11. Crystal gazer
- 16. Scarlett's surname
- 17. Apiece
- 20. Actor Neeson
- 21. Stash
- 22. Candy striper
- 23. ___ Rambler
- 26. Historical cycles
- 27. Pen-making name
- 29. Imitator
- 30. Easy stride
- 31. Brown meat
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- 44. Recipe amts.
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Finance

Emerging economies pose conditions on IMF boost

LOS Cabos (AFP) - Leaders of emerging economies said yesterday that they wanted the IMF to put in place reforms to increase their influence before they step up contributions to a fund to prevent future crises.

Leaders of the so-called BRICS -- Brazil, China, Russia, India and South Africa -- said in a statement at a summit in Mexico that they were willing to step up their contributions to the IMF but only once existing funds dry up.

The International Monetary Fund, hoping to prevent a worsening of the global economic crisis, called last year for \$500 billion in an emergency firewall to support nations at risk of contagion, but the money has fallen short.

The five BRICS leaders "agreed to increase resources available with the International Monetary Fund. In this context, they agreed to enhance their own contributions to the IMF," said a statement released by India.

But the statement did not include numbers and the BRICS said that they expected their money to be used after current resources "are substantially utilized."

"This would promote adequate burden sharing amongst IMF creditors. These new contributions are being made in anticipation that all the reforms agreed upon in 2010 will be fully implemented in a timely manner, including a comprehensive reform of voting power and reform of quota shares," it said.

The BRICS leaders met in the Mexican resort of Los Cabos ahead of a summit of the Group of 20 major economies, which will spend two days looking for a way to slam the brakes on a spiraling debt crisis in the eurozone.

The emerging economies' call could be seen as a challenge to the United States, the world's largest economy, which has resisted contributing to the

new fund.

President Barack Obama is eager to stem the eurozone's woes, which are clouding over the US economy and his own re-election hopes, but faces intense political resistance at home to new financial commitments.

After Group of 20 finance ministers and central bankers met in Washington in April, the IMF announced a firewall size of \$430 billion but has come up with only \$340 billion in

contributions.

The eurozone is by far the largest contributor, promising some \$200 billion, raising concerns by some potential contributors that the firewall would eventually turn into a new European bailout fund.

Japan has contributed \$60 billion, while Britain, South Korea and Saudi Arabia have each pledged \$15 billion. Singapore and other European governments have also contributed smaller amounts.

Spain coal miners block roads in mass strike



CABORANA, Spain: Spanish miners burn tires to cut a road during a miner's demonstration in Caborana, near Oviedo, in northern Spain on June 18, 2012. Spanish coal miners are staging a nationwide strike action organized by unions against the cash-strapped government's decision to slash subsidies to the sector this year to 111 million euros (\$142 million) from 301 million euros last year. Unions argue the subsidy cuts will lead to the closure of Spain's coal mines and the loss of up to 30,000 direct and indirect jobs, since Spanish coal relies on state aid to compete with cheaper imports. Protests in the northern coal mining regions over the past few weeks have turned radical, as striking miners have clashed with riot police daily. (AFP PHOTO)

US: Mexico to join Trans-Pacific trade talks

WASHINGTON - The United States said yesterday it welcomed Mexico's entry into ongoing talks on a regional free trade agreement in the Asia-Pacific, but was silent about the status of Canada and Japan's bids to join the negotiations.

"We are delighted to invite Mexico, our neighbor and second largest export market, to join the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) negotiations," U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk said in a statement after a meeting between U.S. President Barack Obama and Mexican President Felipe Calde-

ron in Los Cabos, Mexico.

Kirk's office said the decision to invite Mexico into the talks was made with the eight other countries currently negotiating the TPP pact.

It said the Obama administration would shortly notify Congress of its intent to enter into negotiations with Mexico.

The nine countries currently negotiating the TPP are United States, Australia, New Zealand, Peru, Chile, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam and Brunei.

Canada, Japan and Mexico asked to join the negotiations in November.



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Putin: Crisis-hit countries need trade flexibility

LOS Cabos (AFP) - Russian President Vladimir Putin called yesterday for new trade rules to allow countries like Russia to erect protective trade barriers to save jobs when hit by financial crisis.

As the G20 summit of top global leaders opened in Los Cabos, Mexico, Putin also urged the group to take action to give emerging economic giants more say in the running of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

In an opinion piece published in the Mexican daily newspaper El Universal, Putin assailed the hypocrisy of countries advocating free trade but instituting protectionist barriers to support their economies in the past few years.

Putin said global trade fell 12 percent in 2009, "largely because, despite the public statements to the contrary, some countries made extensive de facto use of tough protectionist measures to protect their own markets."

He accused unnamed governments of declaring protectionism unacceptable while "devising ever more sophisticated ways to protect their own economies, disguising protectionist measures as environmental or technical restric-

tions, for example."

While Russia has remained financially stable through the current crisis, Putin said, it remains vulnerable to slower growth and sharp swings in commodity prices, on which Russia depends heavily for export income.

Putin meanwhile urged the Group of 20 leaders to take concrete steps to reform the management of the US and Europe-dominated IMF and World Bank to reflect the new power of the emerging economies.

The G20 must move "from talk of increasing the developing countries and 'new' economic powers' role in these institutions' management to taking practical steps and giving them a greater say in drafting and adopting the major basic decisions."

The Russian leader also called for tighter regulation of derivatives, the complex financial instruments at the center of many banking blowups and wild swings on currency and equity markets.

He said global financial reforms in the wake of the 2008-2009 crisis were incomplete and that the world's financial structure still contains "many internal risks and contradictions" that fuel instability.

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Switzerland	CHF	186.94	187.66	188.46
Netherlands	EUR	222.70	224.73	226.99
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Paul McCartney: rock's patriarch still going strong at 70

LONDON (AFP) - His ballad "Yesterday" is one of the most covered songs in history -- but as he turned 70, ex-Beatle Paul McCartney shows no signs of settling back to reflect on his extraordinary past.

Fresh from wowing huge crowds at Queen Elizabeth II's diamond jubilee concert and with another headline gig -- the London Olympics opening ceremony -- booked for next month, retirement looks a way off for the British legend.

"If I'm really enjoying this, why retire?" the most prolific, most commercially-successful former member of the Beatles told the British music magazine Mojo last year.

"People say to me, 'You work so hard'," added McCartney. "We don't work hard, we play music."

Between his years with the Fab Four, his work with Wings



ents in the port city in north-west England, McCartney met John Lennon at the age of 15 and the pair formed the Quarrymen, the skiffle band that eventually metamorphosed into the Beatles.

McCartney, Lennon, George Harrison and Ringo Starr would become synonymous with mobs of screaming fans,

1971, and used his ingenious ear for melody -- which had earlier given life to classics such as "Hey Jude" and "Blackbird" -- to rack up a decade of hits with the new group.

Linda, a renowned photographer and animal rights activist, died of breast cancer in 1998. After 29 years of marriage, McCartney described the loss as "total heartbreak".

But he was back late the next year with a new album, of mainly cover versions, and has continued the Beatles' experimental tradition -- a techno record and two classical works are among more than a dozen solo studio albums.

He has also famously duetted with the likes of Michael Jackson and Stevie Wonder.

Away from music, the singer has dabbled in painting, directed the film "Give My Regards To Broad Street", and campaigned on causes ranging from animal rights to peace between the Israelis and Palestinians.



Paul McCartney and John Lennon, 1963

and his solo career, McCartney has written or co-written more than 50 top 10 singles.

Macca, as he is affectionately known, released his latest album "Kisses on the Bottom" in February, and is just finishing a world tour.

And as he bounced onto the stage and belted out a string of hits in the shadow of Buckingham Palace this month, he did not look like a man with eight grandchildren.

It may be the singer's third marriage, to US heiress Nancy Shevell in October, that has put the spring back in his step after his bitter divorce from model-turned-campaigner Heather Mills in 2008.

The Sunday Times Rich List estimates that Shevell, 51, brings £150 million to the couple's coffers, giving them a combined fortune of some £665 million.

This makes him Britain's richest performer -- but he insists he has never forgotten his roots. "Deep inside I'm still the boy from Liverpool," he has said.

Born to working-class par-

mop-top haircuts, and an image of four men strolling over London's Abbey Road at a zebra crossing.

Simply put, they were one of the most powerful cultural influences of their era. They are also the best-selling band in history, with their record label EMI estimating all-time sales of more than a billion discs and tapes.

Relentlessly imaginative, the band would develop the catchy tunes that sparked "Beatlemania" in 1964 into an evolving sound incorporating every influence from psychedelia to country and western.

Lennon and McCartney formed one of the most celebrated songwriting partnerships of the 20th century, but their creative differences ultimately helped bring about the Beatles' break-up in 1970.

McCartney formed Wings with his first wife Linda in



Of the four Beatles, two have since died: Lennon when he was shot dead in New York in 1980 and Harrison from cancer in 2001.

McCartney is often mistakenly described as "the last remaining Beatle" -- something that the oft-overlooked drummer Ringo Starr, who is also still recording, bears with good-natured amusement.

"We are good friends," Starr has said. "We're the only two who've experienced all this who are still here."

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WASHINGTON (AFP) - Jack Osbourne, 26, son of rock legend Ozzy Osbourne, has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, the former reality television star revealed to People magazine. "I've got a family and that's what's supposed to be the most important thing," said Osbourne who recently had a daughter, Pearl Clementine, with his fiancée Lisa Stelly. MS, an autoimmune disease for which there is no known cure, attacks the central nervous system. Symptoms can include loss of muscle control, difficulties with vision and balance, and in severe cases, paralysis. The article did not say what symptoms if any Osbourne has shown. He gained fame on the 2002-2005 hit MTV reality series "The Osbournes," which followed the lives of his father heavy-metal singer Ozzy, his mother Sharon Osbourne, as well as his sister Kelly, with whom Jack Osbourne frequently was shown on the program quarreling.



MONTREAL (AFP) - The drummer for the British rock group Radiohead paid homage Sunday to Scott Johnson, the sound technician killed when an outdoor stage set up in a Toronto park for a group concert collapsed. Johnson died Saturday when part of the metal-frame stage at Downsview Park collapsed, a Toronto police spokesman said. Johnson "was a lovely man, always positive, supportive and funny; a highly skilled and valued member of our great road crew. We will miss him very much. Our thoughts and love are with Scott's family and all those close to him," read the message, signed simply "Phil." The late Johnson, 33, was a native of Doncaster, England, according to a group spokesman cited by Canadian media. The Saturday accident occurred about three and a half hours before the show was to start. According to Radiohead's official website, the Toronto concert was sold out. Downsview Park can accommodate up to 40,000 spectators.

Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates from Boston, Massachusetts, residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.



Rosie and Aaron love their Burger too



Gouda Burger 2

chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh

Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner - daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for the owners when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

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Spain, Italy through, as Group C concludes



Spanish midfielder Jesus Navas scores during the Euro match Croatia vs Spain
AFP PHOTO

GDANSK (AFP) - Defending champions Spain on Monday beat Croatia 1-0, ending Balkan dreams of a Euro 2012 knock-out berth, as Italy ran out 2-0 winners against the Republic of Ireland to qualify in second spot in Group C.

Vicente Del Bosque and Slaven Bilic's sides were goalless in Gdansk at half-time in a lacklustre affair from which Spain only

needed a draw to top the group and go through.

But with Italy leading in the other game, top spot for La Roja looked uncertain until substitute Jesus Navas linked up with Barcelona's Andres Iniesta and the Sevilla man crashed the ball into an empty net as the Croatian defence looked on.

There was more than the suspicion of offside in both men's runs into the box but the Croatian appeal about the 88th-minute goal was to no avail.



Italian forward Mario Balotelli controls the ball before scoring.
AFP PHOTO

In Poznan, western Poland, Giovanni Trapattoni's Ireland were beaten by two goals in each half from Anto-

nio Cassano and Mario Balotelli.

The Italians -- who trailed both Spain and Croatia by two points going into the game with the Irish having already being eliminated after two defeats -- took the lead in the 35th minute with a Cassano header from a corner.

But Ireland goalkeeper Shay Given will be disappointed after he spooned away what seemed like a straightforward shot to give away the set-piece kick in the first place.

Given, however, could do little about Italy's second goal, with Manchester City striker Mario Balotelli holding off Ireland defend John O'Shea on another corner to volley home from the six yard line on the stroke of full-time.

The last quarter-final qualifiers will be decided on Tuesday, when Ukraine take on England in Donetsk and France play Sweden in Group D. Every team except Sweden can still qualify.

UEFA meanwhile banned Denmark's Nicklas Bendtner for one match and fined him 100,000 euros (80,000 pounds \$126,000) for flashing the sponsored waistband of his underpants while celebrating a goal during his side's 3-2 defeat to Portugal.

The suspension means the Sunderland forward will miss Denmark's next World Cup qualifier for the tournament in Brazil in 2016.

Bendtner can appeal but the online betting firm whose name appeared on his underpants said the decision was "hysterical and deeply cynical" while the fine was more severe than those handed out to football federations for more serious incidents.

UEFA president Michel Platini elsewhere condemned Croatia fans who racially abused Italy's Mario Balotelli in their group match last week, revealing that he had previously warned football's authorities in the Balkan nation about the problem.

A ruling on the case -- the first for racism at Euro 2012 -- is expected on Tuesday, with Croatia's football federation facing a possible stiff penalty after up to 500 fans were reported to have taunted Balotelli throughout the match.

Platini told reporters in Warsaw that he was "not happy" about the situation and said that he had warned the federation about the problem of racist fans when he visited last year.

"They (Croatia) have a good team which plays well but it's unacceptable when you've got a hundred or so arseholes among the crowd," he said. "They (the Croatian federation) knew (that it could happen)."

"Any form of racism is a problem. One case is too many."

Croatia, however, looked set for fresh sanctions as Monday's match referee Wolfgang Stark had to briefly halt the match when flares were thrown and smoke billowed over the pitch.

EURO-2012 Standings

A						
	W	L	PTS	GF	GA	D
*CZECH REP.	2	1	6	4	5	0
*GREECE	1	1	4	3	3	1
RUSSIA	1	1	4	5	3	1
POLAND	0	1	2	2	3	2
B						
	W	L	PTS	GF	GA	D
*GERMANY	3	0	9	5	2	0
*PORTUGAL	2	1	6	5	4	0
DENMARK	1	2	3	4	5	0
NETHERLANDS	0	3	0	2	5	0
C						
	W	L	PTS	GF	GA	D
*SPAIN	2	0	7	6	1	1
*ITALY	1	0	5	4	2	2
CROATIA	1	1	4	4	3	1
IRELAND	0	3	0	1	9	0
D						
	W	L	PTS	GF	GA	D
FRANCE	1	0	4	3	1	1
ENGLAND	1	0	4	4	3	1
UKRAINE	1	1	3	2	3	0
SWEDEN	0	2	0	3	5	0

W: Won - L: Lost - PTS: points - GF: goals for - GA: goals against
D: Draw; *qualified for quarter-finals

Swedes not in the mood to roll over for French

KIEV (AFP) - Sweden may have no chance of qualifying for the Euro 2012 quarter-finals having lost both their games thus far but if France are expecting an easy ride into the last eight they are in for a shock today.

The Swedish squad are all determined to bow out on a high after twice letting leads slip to lose 2-1 and 3-2 to co-hosts Ukraine and England respectively.

For coach Erik Hamren and the players the pride factor apart there are different things motivating them.

Hamren, who took over in 2009 after a successful club coaching career in Norway and Denmark, wants to come away with a win so as to be able to continue his project in developing the team into a more adventurous and technically capable side - defeat

could bring an abrupt end to his dream and his tenure.

"Today's match is important for Sweden and for other sides," said Hamren, an emotional character who accused some of his players of being cowards after the Ukraine loss.

"I want to see the same professionalism that the players have already shown here. We want to win the match.

"I believe that we can keep on working along the same lines and get closer to being the team that I want it to be.

"We have done many good things but the great teams know how to attract luck. We are not there yet."

However, Hamren said that he hadn't got a special speech prepared for motivating the players for the game but nevertheless he would say something.

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Baseball: Jury rules Clemens not guilty on all charges



Former all-star baseball pitcher Roger Clemens (C) and his attorney Rusty Hardin (R) arrive at the U.S. District Court after the jury announced it has a verdict in Clemens' perjury and obstruction trial

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Former Major League Baseball star Roger Clemens was acquitted on Monday on charges of perjury, making false statements and obstructing Congress for denying he took performance-enhancing drugs. Clemens was found not guilty by a federal jury on three charges of making a false statement under oath, two charges of perjury and one count of obstruction of Congress during a 2008 US Congressional hearing on doping in baseball.

If convicted, Clemens could have faced 30 years in prison and a fine of \$1.5 million.

Clemens had steadfastly de-

nied any wrongdoing even as his former trainer, Brian McNamee, told jurors that he had injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormones, an account he first gave US lawmakers in 2008.

"I put a lot of hard work into that career," Clemens said outside the courthouse after the verdicts were announced.

"It's kind of uncomfortable to sit there and hear people talk about you, good or bad. I want to thank the people who

came in on my behalf. I appreciate my teammates who came in (and made) all the e-mails and phone calls."

Asked how he felt after the verdict offered a measure of vindication, Clemens said, "Just very thankful and appreciative. I just want to thank these guys (his lawyers), who from day one listened to what I had to say."

"It has been a hard five years."

Clemens thanked his family for support and paused, choked with emotion, before exclaiming in a sigh of relief, "Whew."

Rusty Hardin, Clemens' main attorney, said that they were surprised to be told there was a verdict because when they had departed the courthouse hours earlier they were told that a verdict was unlikely for two or three more days.

The verdict came after nearly 10 hours of deliberation by the jury, ending a 10-week trial that proved to be the deepest investigation yet into whether or not a Major League Baseball star had taken performance-enhancing drugs.

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England's Glen Johnson (L) scores a goal in own net during match against Sweden in Klev, June 15

Johan Elmander, who will see some familiar faces opposing him as he used to play for Ligue 1 side Toulouse, says it will be sad to leave without a point.

It will be a poor reward too for the extraordinary 15,000 or so fans who have coem all the way from Sweden to support them and had to put up with some pretty basic living conditions on an unfinished campsite.

Swedish captain Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who scored in the Ukraine match but was also responsible for letting Andrei Shevchenko score the winning goal, said every players in the squad wanted to play against the French.

"You won't have a problem finding people who want to play," said Ibrahimovic, who

has said he will continue to represent his country.

"We are all professionals and everyone is hungry to get some game time."

While AC Milan star Ibrahimovic, who turns 31 in October, has pinned his colours to the Swedish cause others who have given long service will be looking to bow out with a memorable last performance.

Olof Mellberg (34, 117 caps), who scored Sweden's second against England, Anders Svensson (35, 127 caps) and probably Saudi Arabia-based winger Christian Wilhelmsson (32, 76 caps) will all call it a day after the French game, though, only the first two are likely to be on the pitch from the start.

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American League					National League							
	East	W	L	Pct GB		East	W	L	Pct GB			
YANKEES	40	25	.615	--	WASHINGTON	38	26	.594	--			
BALTIMORE	39	27	.591	1.5	ATLANTA	35	31	.530	4.0			
TAMPA	37	29	.561	3.5	NY METS	35	32	.522	4.5			
TORONTO	34	32	.515	6.5	MIAMI	33	33	.500	6.0			
BOSTON	33	33	.511	7.5	PHILADELPHIA	31	37	.456	9.0			
Central					Central							
	W	L	Pct GB		W	L	Pct GB		W	L	Pct GB	
CHICAGO	35	31	.530	--	CINCINNATI	38	27	.585	--			
CLEVELAND	33	32	.508	1.5	PITTSBURG	34	31	.523	4.0			
DETROIT	32	34	.485	3.0	ST. LOUIS	34	33	.507	5.0			
KANSAS	29	35	.453	5.0	MILWAUKEE	30	36	.455	8.5			
MINNESOTA	26	39	.400	8.5	HOUSTON	27	39	.409	11.5			
					CHICAGO	22	44	.333	16.5			
West					West							
	W	L	Pct GB		W	L	Pct GB		W	L	Pct GB	
TEXAS	40	27	.597	--	LA DODGERS	42	25	.627	--			
LA ANGELES	36	31	.537	4.0	SAN FRANCISCO	37	30	.552	5.0			
OAKLAND	31	36	.463	9.0	ARIZONA	32	34	.485	9.5			
SEATTLE	29	39	.426	11.5	COLORADO	25	40	.385	16.0			
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NBA: James powers Heat past Thunder for 2-1 series lead



TOPSHOTS Chris Bosh (L) of the Miami Heat is guarded by James Harden (R) of the Oklahoma City Thunder during Game 3 of the NBA Finals. The Heat won 91-85 to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. **AFP PHOTO**

MIAMI (AFP) - LeBron James had 29 points and 14 rebounds and Dwyane Wade finished with 25 points and seven assists as the Miami Heat beat Oklahoma City 91-85 Sunday to take a 2-1 series lead in the NBA finals.

Wade sank two free throws with 13 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter to cap the scoring for the Heat, who are in the finals for the second year in a row and trying to win their first championship since 2006.

James, the regular season NBA Most Valuable Player, made 11-of-23 shots from the field and was a force on both

defence and offence. He finished just shy of posting his sixth consecutive playoff game of 30 or more points.

Miami, which will host the next two games in the series, can take a stranglehold on the Thunder with a victory in game four on Tuesday.

Chris Bosh had 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Heat, who scored their final five points from the free-throw line in front of a crowd of 20,003 at AmericanAirlines Arena.

Miami won despite shooting just 37 percent from the field and committing 12 turnovers, one more than the

Thunder. It was one of the Heat's lowest field goal shooting games of this year's playoffs.

NBA scoring champion Kevin Durant had 25 points, Russell Westbrook scored 19 points and Kendrick Perkins had 10 for the Thunder, who got off to their best start of the series in the first quarter but couldn't execute down the stretch.

Durant got into foul trouble for the second game in a row and had to sit on the bench for a time in the third, which seemed to slow down the Thunder's attack.

Both teams made mistakes and turned the ball over in the fourth, but Miami had more composure at the end of the game.

With just 16 seconds to play, and the Thunder trailing by four points, Oklahoma City's Thabo Sefolosha tried to hit Westbrook but turned the ball over with a bad inbound pass, forcing the Thunder to foul Wade, who then made two free throws.

The Thunder came out much better in the first quarter than they had in the opening two games. But they couldn't stop the Heat offence as Miami's big three of James, Wade and Bosh started clicking from the opening tip-off.

James scored 10 points in the first for the Heat, who zipped the ball around quickly on offence, making the Thunder defence look slow and flatfooted at times.

For the third straight game, the Heat also dominated in the paint in the first quarter by scoring 20 points compared to 12 for the Thunder.

But Oklahoma kept the score close all game thanks to Westbrook and Durant. Durant shot six-of-10 from the field and had 13 points in the first half while the sometimes erratic Westbrook had 13 points and didn't turn the ball over once.

Spoelstra said he was pleased with the way Miami didn't fold in the third quarter when the Thunder made a charge.

"This playoff run that we've been on, we've been knocked down to the canvas several times," Spoelstra said. "We got down by 10 tonight but our guys furrowed their brows and got back to grinding."

The teams traded three pointers to end the first half as Miami's Shane Battier nailed a three pointer just 20 seconds before Westbrook finished the scoring in the first half with a three-point shot that cut Miami's lead to

47-46.

Thunder guard Derek Fisher registered the first four-point play in the NBA finals in three years in the third quarter. The former Los Angeles Laker, who is in his 15th season, was fouled on a shot from beyond the arc then made the free throw with 4:33 left to give the Thunder a 10-point lead, 64-54.

But the Heat went on a 15-7 run in the final 5:41 of the third with Durant on the bench to take a 69-67 lead into the fourth.

RESULTS EURO 2012

GROUP C

Spain 1, Croatia 0
Italy 2, Ireland 0
Spain 4, Ireland 0
Italy 1, Croatia 1
Spain 1, Italy 1
Croatia 3, Ireland 1

GROUP D

Tuesday June 19th
Sweden vs. France
England vs. Ukraine

France 2, Ukraine 0
England 3, Sweden 2
England 1, France 1
Ukraine 2, Sweden 1